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1. FOLLOWING IS APPROVED DRAFT OF JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

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VENEZUELANS. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QTE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND

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MRS. JIMMY CARTER VISITED CARACAS MARCH 28-29, 1978, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WERE ACCCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS. CYRUS VANCE, DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS TERENCE A. TODMAN. PRESIDENT PEREZ WAS ASSISTED IN THE DISCUSSIONS BY FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

VENEZUELAN CABINET AND GOVERNMENT.

3. THE VISIT REFLECTED THE CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES AND CONTINUED THE USEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE.

4. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY AND REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL SOCIETIES AS WELL AS THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CHARTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SOON ENTER INTO FORCE. EMPHASIZING THEIR GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN INCREASING BOTH THE AUTONOMY AND RESOURCES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE COMMISSION HAS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER WAYS TO FURTHER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PROTECTION AND RESETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL REFUGEES.

5. THEY REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

6. THE PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE OF THE TREATY CONCERNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING THE PERMANENT NEUTRALITY AND OPERATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BOTH THIS TREATY AND THE BASIC PANAMA CANAL TREATY MIGHT SOON BE RATIFIED AND PUT INTO EFFECT. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE TREATIES IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH SHOULD FAVORABLY INFLUENCE RELATIONS AMONG ALL NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

7. PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ DISCUSSED CONTINUING EFFORTS TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. THEY DEPLORED THE VIOLENCE WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN THE LAST MONTH AND AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, INCLUDING A JUST SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

8. THE PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE THAT THE STATES DIRECTLY CONCERNED SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRESENCE OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL MILITARY FORCES AND CALLED UPON CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO WITHDRAW

THEIR COMBAT FORCES FROM AFRICA. THEY ALSO REVIEWED THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONDEMNED APARTHEID AS A BASIC DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE UNDER A FORMULA WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF ALL THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE. FURTHER, THEY AGREED THAT IT

IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PEACE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT NAMIBIA GAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE THROUGH A PROCESS WHICH FULLY GUARANTEES THE RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 385.

9. THEY DISCUSSED CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT AND AGREED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THE NEED TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO RESTRAIN CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS SUCH AS WAS ENVISAGED IN THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO OF 1974.

10. CONCERNING NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THE NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GREATER SAFEGUARDS AND THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THEY PLACED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO WHICH ESTABLISHES A NUCLEAR FREE WEAPONS ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA.

11. THEY CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD AND DISCUSSED THE USEFUL RESULTS OF THE MEETING HELD EARLIER IN THE MONTH BETWEEN MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES HERNANDEZ AND SECRETARY OF ENERGY SCHLESINGER. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY MATTERS. THEY NOTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION PROGRESS IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION, EXPRESSING THEIR HOPE THAT THE EVALUATION WILL REDUCE THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE HELPING THE WORLD TO MEET GROWING ENERGY NEEDS.

12. THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED THE STATE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AS AFFECTED BY THE AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF PETROLEUM AND AGREED TO WORK TOWARD THE EXPANSION OF TRADE TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THEY DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT CONTAINING PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES AND THE TREATMENT OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

13. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN STATES OR IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA. THEY RECOGNIZED THE CO-RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH IN RESOLVING THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS CONFRONTING MANKIND. THEY AGREED THAT THE IMPORTANT ROLE BEING PLAYED BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AND THAT GREATER EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

14. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO FURTHER THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN. THEY PRAISED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD BANK IN ORGANIZING OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL STATES IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ASSIST CARIBBEAN STATES TO ACHIEVE GREATER ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

15. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. THEY LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE ANDEAN COMMON MARKET, THE LATIN AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION AND THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO BRING INTO BEING COMMON INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS WHICH BENEFIT THE MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

16. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRACTICE OF ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS AND CALLED ON ALL STATES TO SUPPORT THE ECOSOC-SUPPORTED CONVENTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

17. THEY NOTED THEIR MEETING COINCIDED WITH THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IN CARACAS FOUR YEARS AGO, AND AGREED THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST RESOLVE REMAINING DIFFERENCES SOON IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES OR RISK LOSING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR INTRODUCING ORDER IN THE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS.

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18. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE SIGNING DURING THE VISIT OF A TREATY ESTABLISHING THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND AN AGREEMENT ON NARCOTICS COOPERATION. THE TREATY AND AGREEMENT ARE EXAMPLES OF THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT THAT MARKS THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES.

19. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PRESIDENT CARTER NOTED THAT THIS STATE VISIT, THE THIRD MEETING BETWEEN THEM WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, DEMONSTRATED THE INTENTION OF THE LEADERS TO CONTINUE TO CONSULT ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THEIR TWO NATIONS.

20. THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE EXPRESSED THEIR COMPLETE PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS.
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21. WE MAY WISH TO REORDER THE PARAGRAPHS IN THE FOREGOING TEXT IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE BUT WANT YOU TO HAVE THE TEXT SO THAT YOU CAN COMPARE NOTES ON POINTS OF SUBSTANCE WITH THE VENEZUELANS. YOU MAY PROVIDE THEM WITH A COPY OF THE TEXT. VANCE

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